

Real Life.
Real Relationships.

Genesis 2
Created for Relationship

Mid-Week Checkpoint Week of January 10, 2021

Jesus calls us to two sorts of deep, intentional relationships: the divine and the human.

1. Spiritual disciplines or practices (prayer, scripture reading, worship attendance, serving, etc.) help us become the person God calls us to be. But spiritual disciplines in and of themselves will not get the job done! Relationships also help us grow and change. How can spiritual disciplines and relationship work together to transform us in God's image?
2. *²⁴Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.* (Hebrews 10:24-25, NRSV)

What motivates you to perform acts of love and good works? Bishop Michael Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, recently said,

"I think we have got to figure out ways to be connected to each other. I mean, I have jokingly said, if you're high-tech, Zoom, if you're low-tech, text, if you're no-tech, call, send a note, stay in touch, socially distanced, following what the public health folk tell us, but stay in touch. Don't get disconnected. Don't get cut off.

The psychologists tell us, cutoff is unhealthy. We actually need each other. So, if we can't touch each other physically, we can touch each other on the phone, by writing, across the fence, but find a way to stay connected to other people, and to intentionally, if you're able, connect with other people."

How can you connect with God and other people this week?

3. God is always in the business of creating new things – new relationships, new circumstances, and new ways of thinking. God creates order out of chaos! How are you experiencing chaos in your life?

Prayer: Lord, you know I am experiencing chaos in these areas of my life:

I entrust these circumstances into your loving hands. Thank you for what you are going to do!
Amen.